

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 633

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kestrel Troutman on her receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.17 million Tennessee volunteers give over 143.9 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.5 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, these individuals should be recognized, not only to appreciate their efforts, but also in the hope that such recognition will encourage others to step up and make a difference; and

WHEREAS, Kestrel Troutman of Sevierville is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, a high school senior, Ms. Troutman has volunteered in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park for eight years; and

WHEREAS, a Girl Scout, Kestrel Troutman adopted a historic cabin with her troop to clean and maintain; in 2017, she was named the site host of the park clean-up, registered volunteers, gave the safety talk, and picked up litter; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Troutman has spent the last three years interviewing park volunteers who have dedicated more than 10,000 hours of service for her Girl Scout Gold Award project, "10,000 Hours of Connection"; and

WHEREAS, in her high school career, Kestrel Troutman has volunteered over 600 hours in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and with the Girl Scouts; she has led anti-bullying programs for troops and service units, and she coordinated with the Sevier County Fair and Girl Scouts of America to create Girl Scout exhibits at the fair, creating a platform for Girl Scouts of all ages to share their art and badge work; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Troutman is a model citizen; her commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Kestrel Troutman for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.